



## April - June 2008



### LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (LELAP) UPDATE AND NEWS

**LELAP OUTREACH** — The LDEQ LELAP staff presented the second course of Accreditation 101 at 8:30 AM on Thursday, July 31, 2008. The session was conducted at LDEQ's Southeast Regional Office, located at 201 Evans Road, Building 4, Suite 420, in New Orleans. The course lasted approximately 3 hours. The course covered the lab accreditation process, costs, challenges and requirements. There was a question/answer section. Training resolved/precluded initial/recurring issues with accredited labs face to face. The next courses will be in Baton Rouge and Shreveport. Dates are to be determined. Please send comments to [deqlaboratory@la.gov](mailto:deqlaboratory@la.gov) or to [paul.bergeron@la.gov](mailto:paul.bergeron@la.gov), or call (225) 219-9800.

**ACCREDITATION RENEWALS**— LELAP has mailed out the certificates and scopes to the accreditation laboratories for FY 2008-2009. The following laboratories are no longer in the program: A4 Scientific Inc. (4067); Air Sampling Associates, Inc. (4136); Air Techniques (3084); Alcoa Massena Chemistry Lab (4102); AnalySys, Inc. (ID# 3011); AMA Analytical Services (4134); Bureau Veritas North America (4123); Clean Air Engineering (3099); CT laboratories (04091); Eurofins Central Analytical Laboratories (1996); GD Air Testing, Inc. (3060); Oxidor Laboratories (4063); Pace Analytical Services Inc.—Asheville (3095); Pace Analytical Services—Westinghouse Waltz Mill Site (4090); Pacific Analytical, Inc. (4128); Southern Diagnostics (3044); Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. (4042); Paragon Analytics (4018); TTI Environmental Laboratories (4114); Irish Environmental (4157); White Water Associates (4101); TestAmerica—Westfield (4164).

**OTHER NEWS**— Paul Bergeron and evaluators from EPA Region 4 completed the onsite evaluation of the Florida Department of Health Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ELCP). An observation of an assessment conducted by the Florida ELCP will be scheduled by the EPA. For updated guidance on engine testing, please contact Gerri Garwood at [Gerri.Garwood@LA.GOV](mailto:Gerri.Garwood@LA.GOV). The two companies awarded the contracts for assessing laboratories in support of LELAP are Analytical Excellence and Environmental Quality Management.

### THE NELAC INSTITUTE-NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CONFERENCE JOINT MEETING

The NELAC Institute-National Environmental Monitoring Conference Joint Meeting will be held August 11-15, 2008 in Washington DC. Attending the meeting will be Elaine Sorbet and Paul Bergeron. Elaine Sorbet serves on the Field Measurements and Sampling Organizations Committee and Paul Bergeron serves as an alternate on the NELAP Board. Paul Bergeron is also co-chairing a session of the State Assessment Forum with Steve Arms of Florida. Paul and Steve are recruiting panelists for the session to discuss the salient features of state accreditation bodies.

### LABORATORY SERVICE DIVISION (LSD) REACCREDITATION

The LSD laboratory assessment by the Florida ELCP is postponed until further notice.

### LABORATORY SERVICES DIVISION STAFF UPDATE

Melvin Mitchell has been assigned as Administrator of the Water Permits Division. Donna Haydel has been assigned as Administrator of the Laboratory Services Division.

### QUARTERLY ANALYTICAL UPDATE

The LDEQ laboratory has conducted 66,638 analyses at the end of FY08. These analyses were performed in the areas of General Chemistry, General Organics, Air Organics, Metals, and Radiation.

### METHODS INNOVATION RULE UPDATE

The Methods Innovation Rule (MM006ft) was finalized on June 20, 2008. The rule may be viewed at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portals/portals/0/planning/regs/pdf/MM006ftfin.pdf>

### MINIMUM QUANTIFICATION LIMITS (MQLs)

UPDATE- LDEQ Water Permits Division reached tentative agreement w/EPA Region VI on implementation of the new MQLs. LDEQ will revise Permitting Guidance Document for Implementation of Louisiana's Water Quality Standards to include new MQLs and forward for public comment. Expect approval and implementation NLT Oct 1, 2009. Question contact M. C. Mitchell, LDEQ Water Permits Division, 225-219-3013.

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